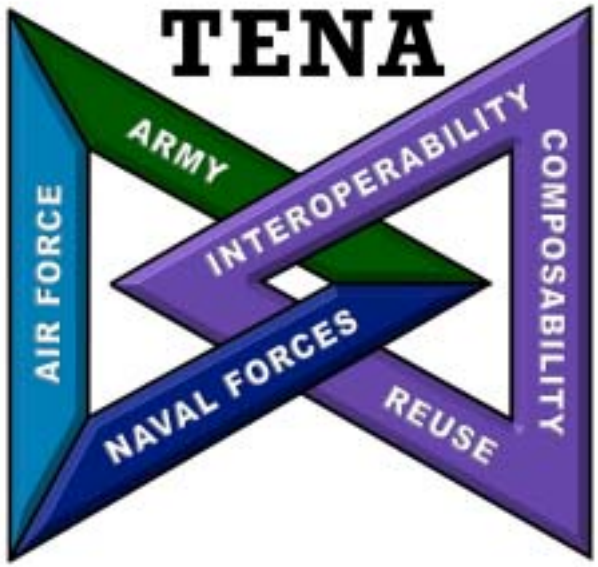

Joint Force Testing and Training Achieved Through Test and Training Enabling Architecture (TENA)

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Overview

- Capability of TENA beyond DIS and HLA
- Some Examples of TENA Use
  - Joint National Training Capability (JNTC)
  - Eglin Air Force Base
  - Redstone Technical Test Center (RTTC)
  - Weibel
  - SIMDIS
  - Threat Systems
  - NetAcquire
- TENA Training Available
- Summary

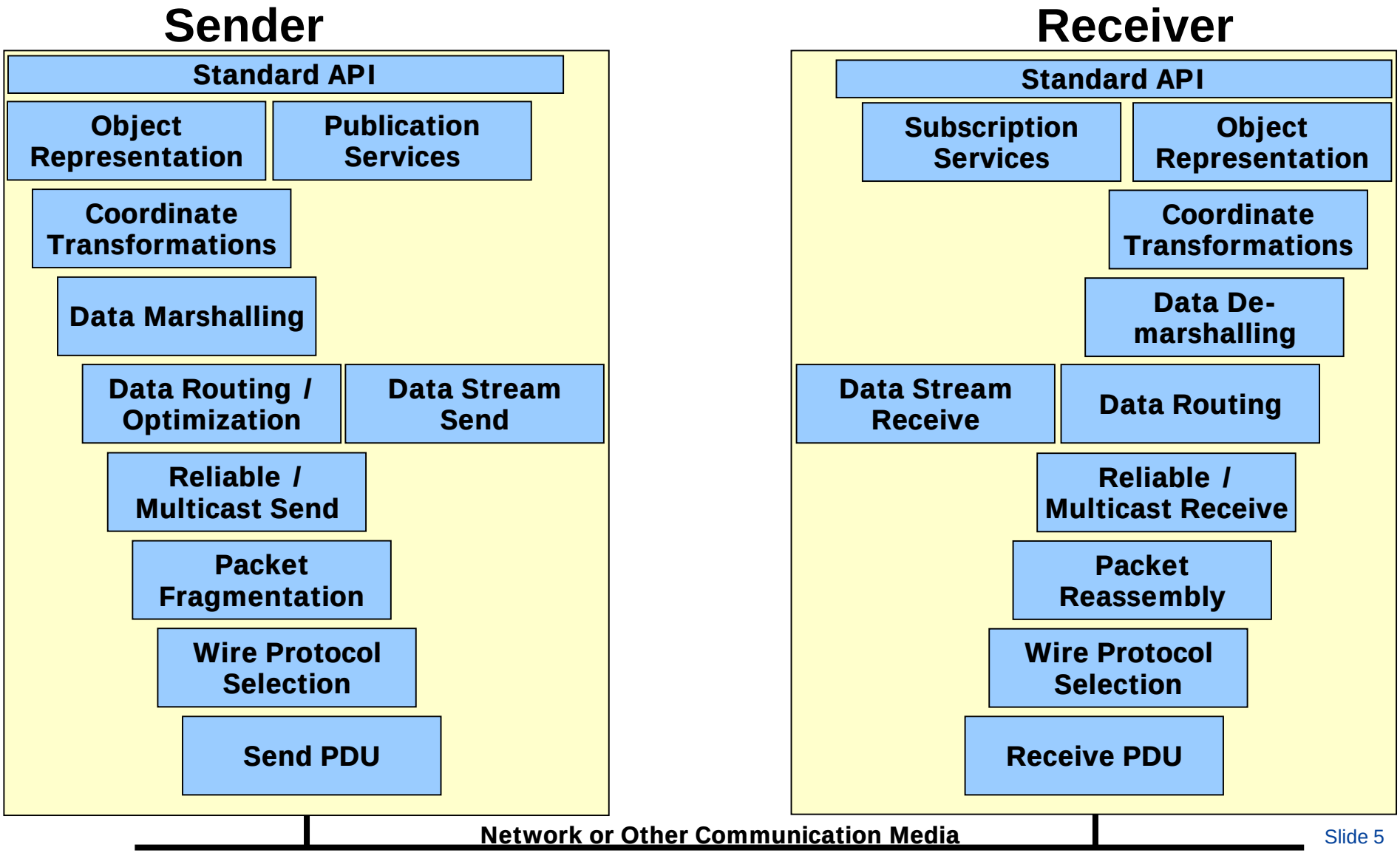
Some Limitations of Distributed Interactive Simulation (DIS)

- **Network protocol standard only (no other services)**
- **Fixed protocol data units (no flexibility)**
  - Data PDUs serve as workarounds but are not standardized
  - All data must fit within Ethernet frame size (~1500 bytes)
- **Unreliable delivery only (no reliable delivery of data)**
- **Data broadcasted to all nodes (drives bandwidth up at all sites)**
  - Requires every system to process every message (regardless of need)
  - No optimized delivery schemes / No multicast
- **Many workarounds has resulted in many variants of DIS**
- **Only one coordinate system available**
  - Everything must be defined in geocentric terms
  - Coordinate conversions take time and can add unnecessary uncertainty

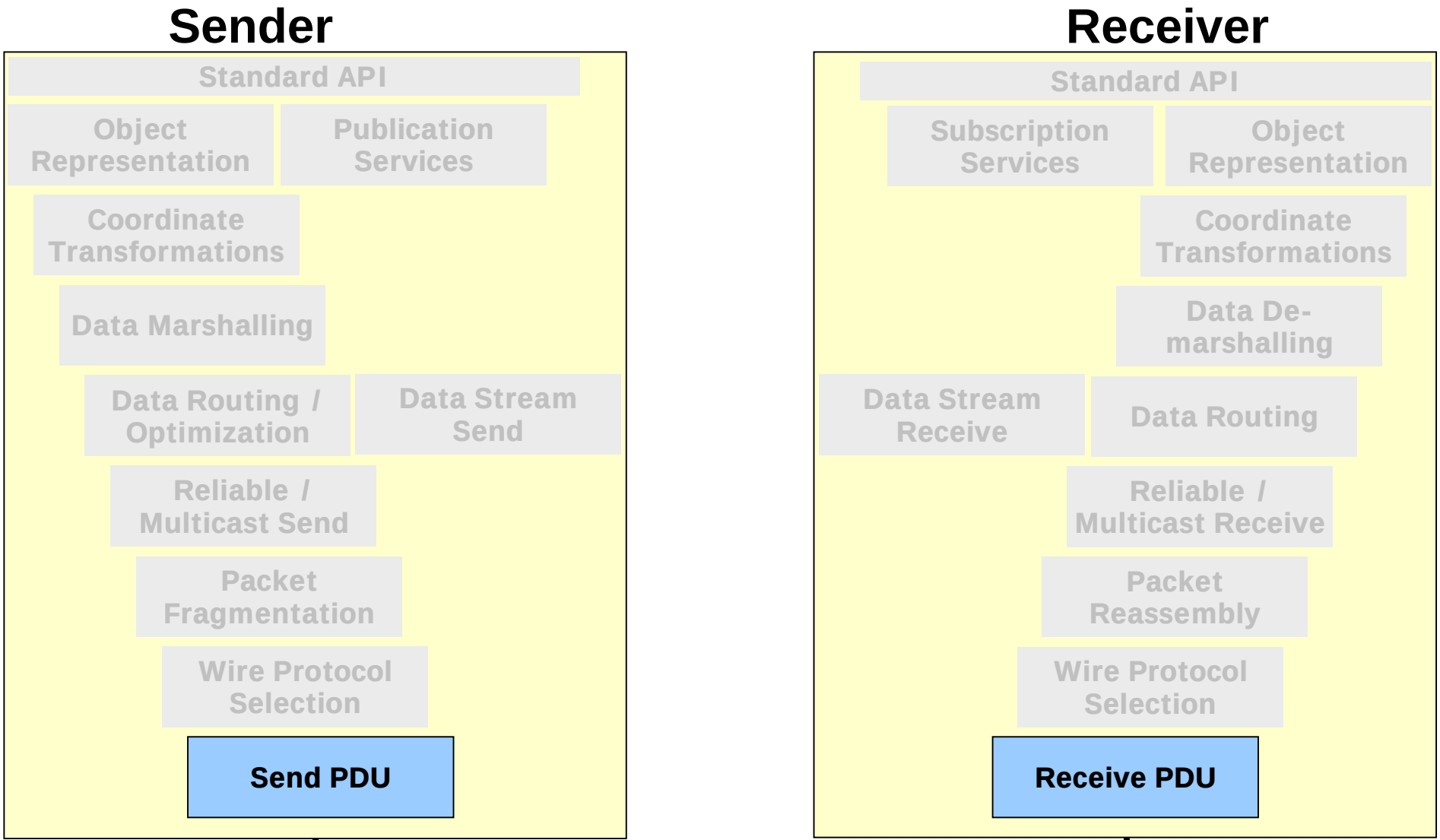
Some Limitations in High Level Architecture (HLA)

- **No composability of objects**
  - Prevents incorporation of small, reusable "building blocks" (like TSPI)
- **Not Object-Oriented**
  - No remote method invocations (needed to easily remote control devices)
  - No local classes (needed to embed standard translation algorithms)
- **No Control of Data Streams**
  - Needed for video, audio, telemetry, tactical data links, etc.
- **No Object Pointers (for better data associations)**
- **No Marshalling / Demarshalling**
  - Makes users worry about big endian / little endian issues
- **No compile-time error checking (impacts reliability)**
  - Data discrepancies discovered during event
- **Multiple, Non-interoperable RTIs**
  - RTI now must be purchased (even though the American taxpayer has already paid for one, it is no longer distributed)
  - Makes some users buy multiple RTIs to support different exercises

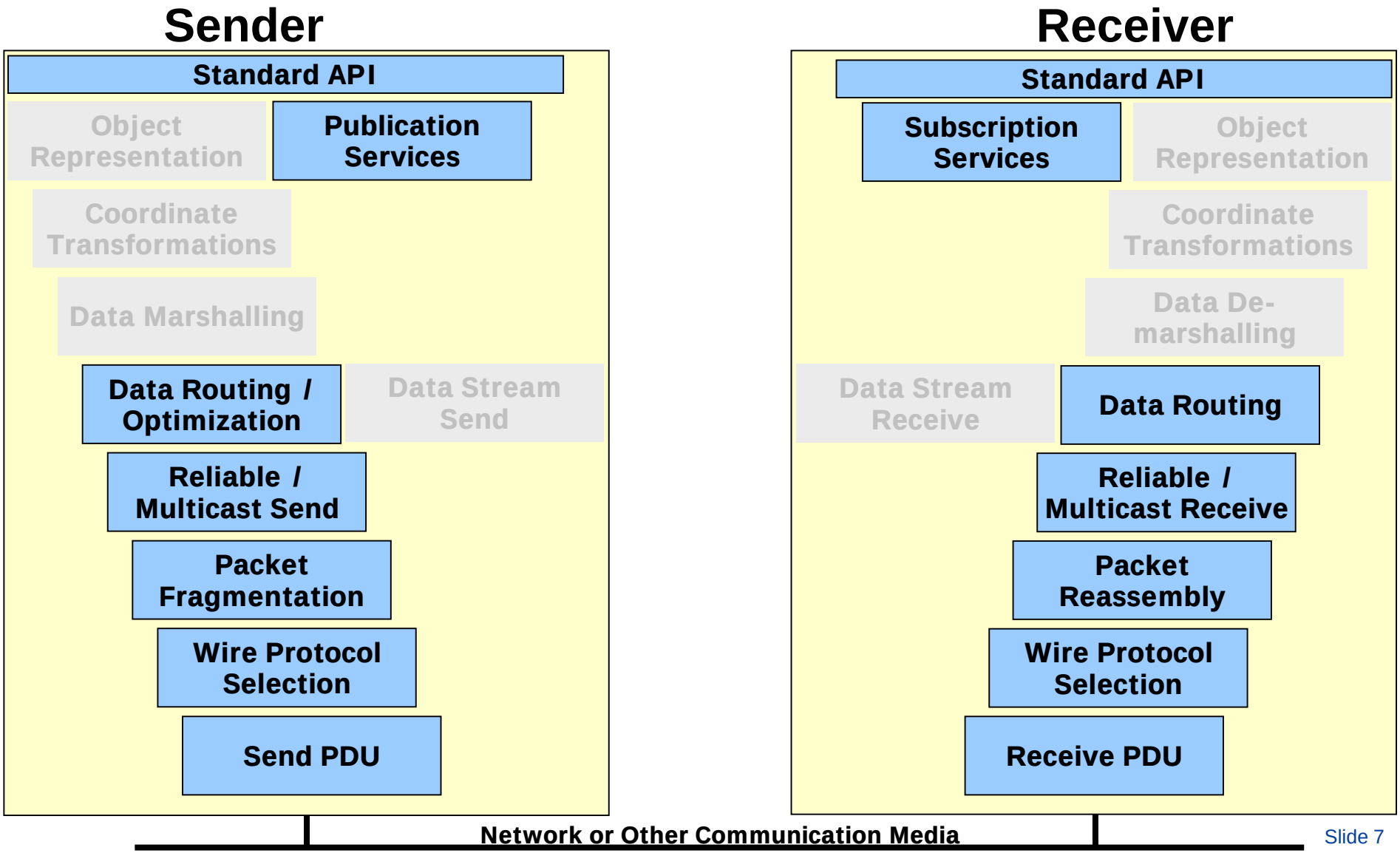
Functions to Send Data from One System to Another



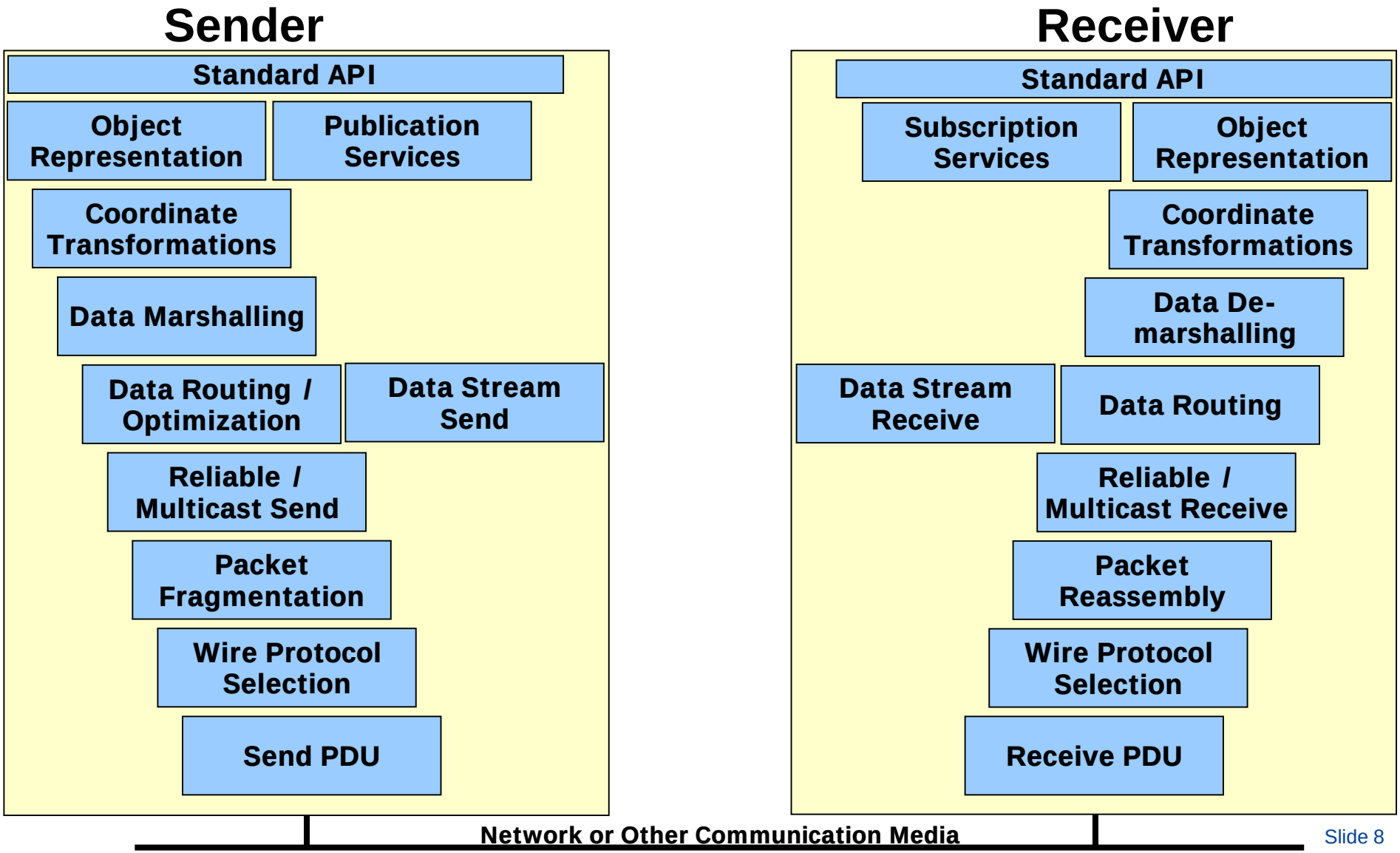
DIS Only Provides Specification for Network Data Packet



HLA Provides Some Publish and Subscribe Functionality

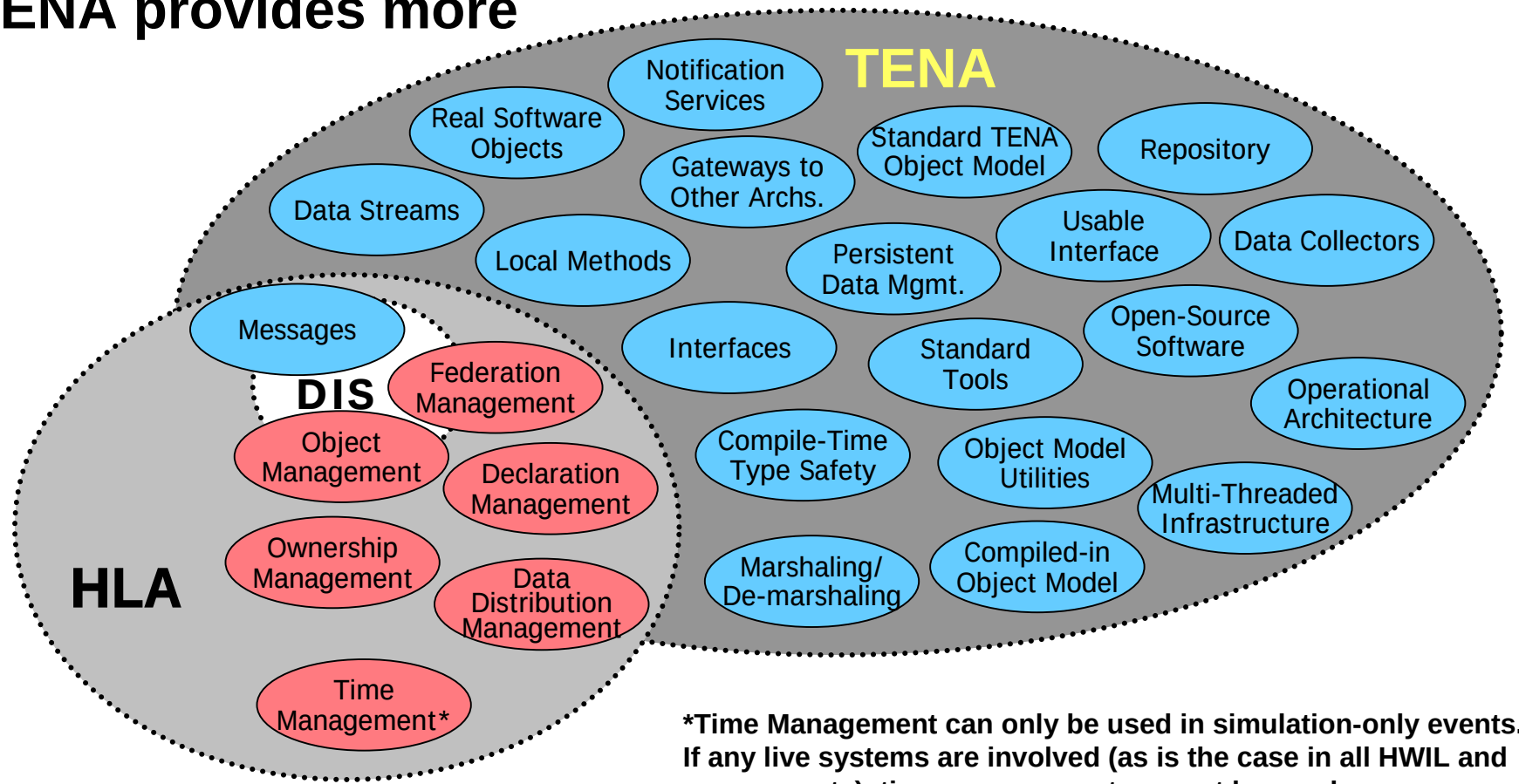


TENA Also Provides Data Translations & Marshalling



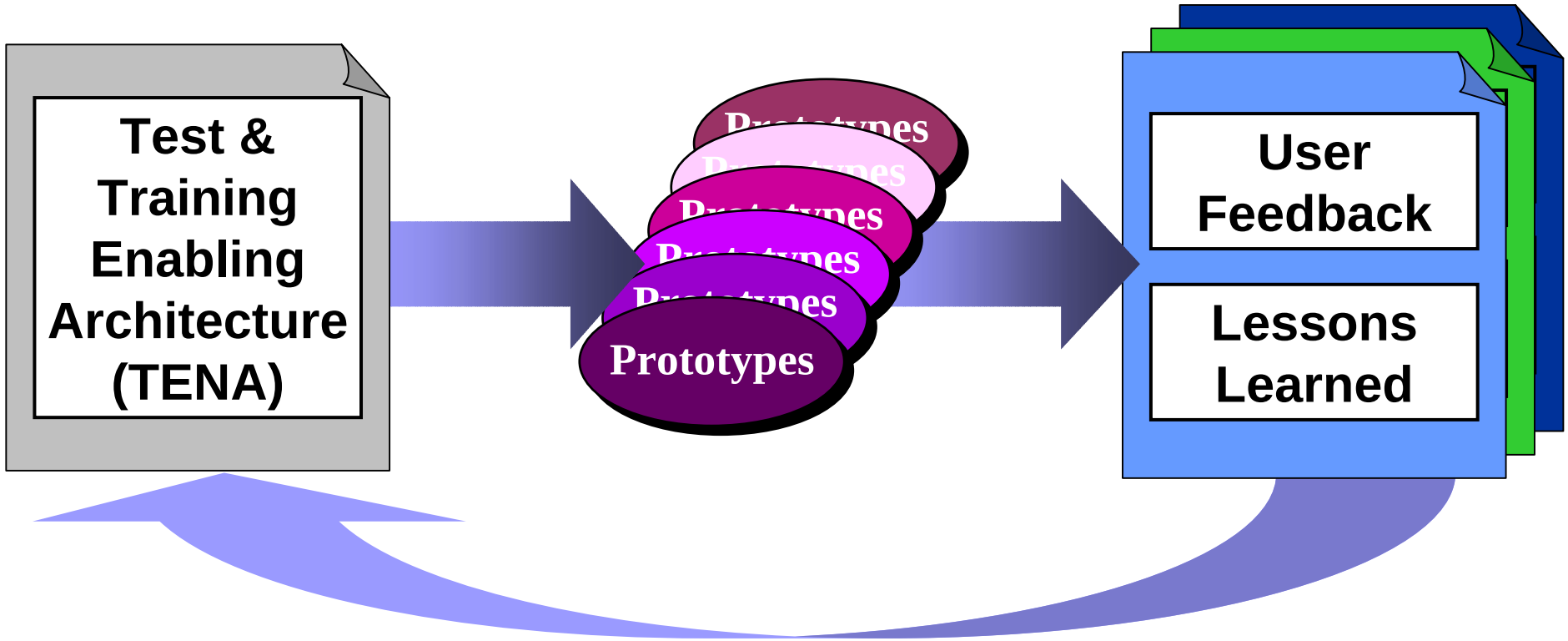
Capabilities of DIS, HLA, and TENA

- DIS only provides network, “on-the-wire” standard
- HLA provides some services and capabilities
- TENA provides more



*Time Management can only be used in simulation-only events. If any live systems are involved (as is the case in all HWIL and range events), time management can not be used

TENA Was Developed in Spirals with the Ranges Involved



- TENA was revised based on user feedback and lessons learned from working software prototypes
- TENA will continue to evolve based upon emerging requirements
- TENA users (via AMT) determine what functionality is added to TENA

TENA is based on real-world tests at real ranges

Architecture Management Team (TENA AMT)

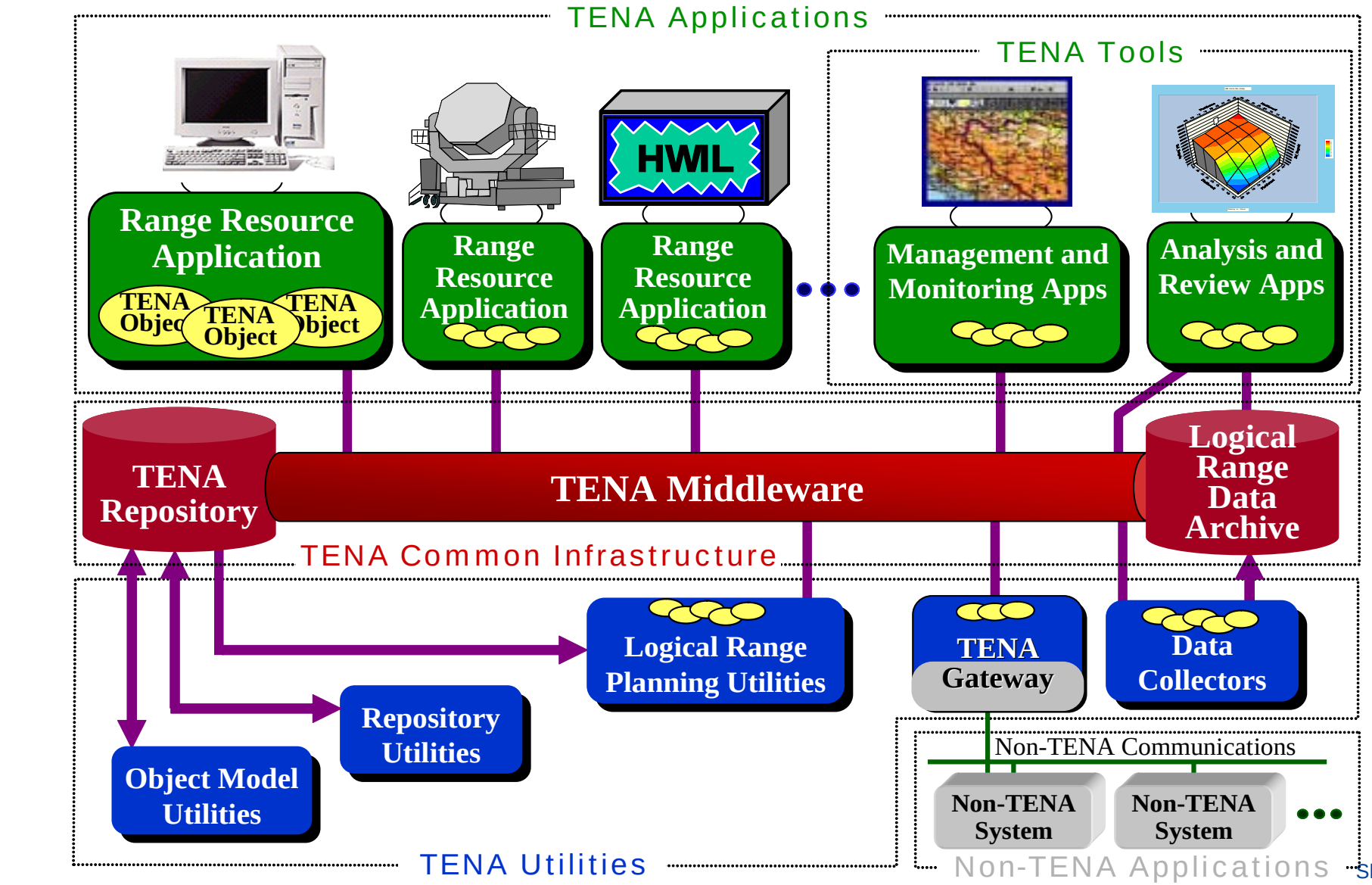
- **System Engineers & Technical Leads for the <u>current</u> major stakeholders of TENA**
  - AAC, Eglin AFB FL
  - NUWC, Newport RI
  - RTTC, Huntsville AL
  - PMRF Synthetic Range
  - EPG, Fort Huachuca AZ
  - WSMR, White Sands NM
  - NAWC-AD, Pax River MD
  - Virtual Proving Ground (VPG)
  - Joint National Training Center (JNTC)
  - New Generation Targetry System (NGATS)
  - NAWC-WD, China Lake & Point Mugu CA
  - Common Training Instrumentation Architecture (CTIA)
  - NAVAIR Tactical Training Ranges Program Office (PMA-248)
  - National Unmanned Underwater Vehicle T&E Center (NUTEC)

Meetings every 6-8 weeks

Raytheon, Boeing, SAIC, APL, MIT LL, JITC, DMSO, NRL, VMASC & ATC also attend & participate

- **Design Decisions / Trade-offs / Status**
- **TENA Use Cases / Prototype Test Strategies**
- **Technical Exchanges of Lessons Learned**
- **Issues & Concerns Identification, Investigation, & Resolution**

TENA Architecture Overview



Ways TENA Middleware Can Exchange Data

- **TENA presents to the range user a unification of several powerful inter-application communication paradigms**
  - **Publish/Subscribe**
    - Similar in effect to HLA, DIS, or other PDU-based communication systems
    - Each application publishes certain types of information (the publication state) which can be subscribed to by any other application
  - **Remote Method Invocation**
    - Similar to CORBA or Java RMI
    - Each object that is published may have methods that can be remotely invoked by other applications
  - **Messages**
    - Individual messages that can be sent from one application to one or more other applications
  - **Data Streams**
    - Native support for audio, video, telemetry, and tactical data links

Data Streams Demonstrated at Last AMT Meeting

- **TENA provides remote control of data streams**
  - **Allows COTS/GOTS (such as, third-party vendor) streaming solutions and technologies to be used**
  - **TENA approach promotes interoperability and reuse by standardizing software interfaces and supporting the packaging of server/client stream components**

Live Video Stream Transmitted over Wireless Network

Video Stream File Played Back over Wireless Network

Joint Forces Command (JFCOM) Use of TENA

- **Live Data Instrumentation Infrastructure**
  - **TENA serves as JNTC integration architecture for Range Interoperability and bridge to simulation network**
- **Progressive support to JFCOM/JNTC Events:**
  - **Millennium Challenge 2002 (MC-02)**
    - **TENA provides common data model via gateways to integrate Range Instrumentation into JTASC GCCS**
  - **JCIDEX-03**
    - **Enhanced data model and native TENA interfaces for Range Instrumentation and Analysis Systems for JCID and RTCA assessment**
  - **WRC Horizontal Thrust Event (HTE)**
    - **TENA Application Management Object implemented to control Range Instrumentation data feeds and integrate for JCAS assessment**
  - **CJTFEX-04**
    - **Reuse of data model and native TENA interfaces for Range Instrumentation and Analysis Systems for JCID and JT&E**

JNTC-Related Events

Event	Date	TENA Version	Object Model	Applications / Reuse
MC-02	Jul 02	2.1	MC-02	2 apps, 2 new
RS-03	Jun 03			Cancelled due to Operation Iraq Freedom
JCIDEX 03	Aug 03	3.X	JCIDEX	6 apps, 1 reused, 5 new
HTE	Jan 04	3.X	JOM	9 apps, 6 reused, 3 new
CJTFEX	Jun 04	4.0.3	JOM	15 apps, 5 reused, 10 new
Cope Thunder	Aug 04	4.0.3	JOM	At least 2 new apps (more might be added in planning sessions)
UE-04 RS-05			JOM	Application details not yet determined but plan to reuse JOM

JNTC Range Integration Applications using TENA

Application	Events	Description
TIER	MC02, HTE, CJTFEX	NAWC-WD range systems interface application and display
Rangeview	MC02, JCIDEX, HTE, CJTFEX	Test range oriented display and analysis tool
ARDS	JCIDEX, HTE, CJTFEX	Test and training instrumentation system interface
PCDS	JCIDEX, HTE, CJTFEX	Air Guard training monitor, display and debriefing tool
Air Warrior (TIER)	MC02, HTE	AF training instrumentation systems interface
NTC-IS (TIER)	MC02, HTE,	Army, Natl Training Center instrumentation systems interface – DIS GW
IGRS	HTE	USMC instrumentation system interface
GOTH	HTE, CJTFEX	TENA to HLA Gateway, TENA OM and FOM specific
CDL	JCIDEX, HTE, CJTFEX	Engagement Adjudication workstation – "Common Data Link"
JTIDS IF (2 variants)	JCIDEX, CJTFEX	Tactical C2 messages systems interface – DIS Signal PDU or Socket J GW
TACO	HTE, CJTFEX	Analysis monitor and display tool, w/Patriot interface
WAM	CJTFEX	Analysis monitor and display tool
Static Tgt Gen	CJTFEX	Instrumentation simulator for non-moving, non-instrumented ground targets
CGS	CJTFEX	UAV /JSTARS Moving Tgt Indicator (MTI) / Fixed Tgt Indicator (FTI)
UAV	CJTFEX	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Predator) ground station telemetry and instrumentation interface
ADOCS	CJTFEX	Army C2 messaging and database system
SureTrak	CJTFEX	Multi-source instrumentation interface and analysis – airspace monitor
TACTS GW	JCIDEX	Gulfport Air Natl Guard range ACMI instrumentation gateway
TENA-DIS	CJTFEX	TENA OM to DIS PDU translator for selected classes and PDUs

Range Integration in Millennium Challenge 2002 (MC02)

Blue Forces

- Ships
- Ground forces
- Aircraft

Opposing Forces

- Aircraft & air targets
- Ships
- Ground forces

Nellis AFB
TENA Gateway

Land Range/China Lake
TENA Gateway

National Training Center/Ft. Irwin
TENA Gateway

Electronic Combat Range/China Lake
TENA Gateway

Sea Range/Point Mugu
TENA Gateway

US Marines/So. California Logistics Airfield

Joint Network

Joint Training, Analysis, and Simulation Center

TENA Gateway

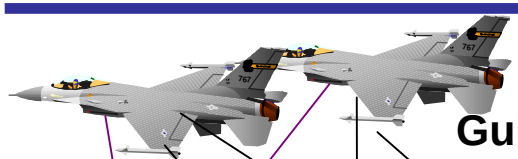
Integrating Software

Global Command & Control System

Model & Simulation Feed

Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence Feed

TENA Use in JCIDEX 03



Live Infrastructure

Gulfport/Shelby/Camden MOA

ARDS GPS Pods

TACTS Pods

JTIDS Terminal

CRTC TACTS GND STN

CRTC LAN

ARDS GND STN

JTIDS TENA IF Gateway

TACTS TENA IF Gateway

ARDS TENA IF

Router

JCIET ADNET

Router

Router

Router

SA/AAR Display - PCDS -

Camp Shelby MS

JECG Display Rangeview

Ft. Rucker (opt)

SA/AAR Display

JECG Display

Eglin AFB

TENA Display Rangeview

SA/AAR Display

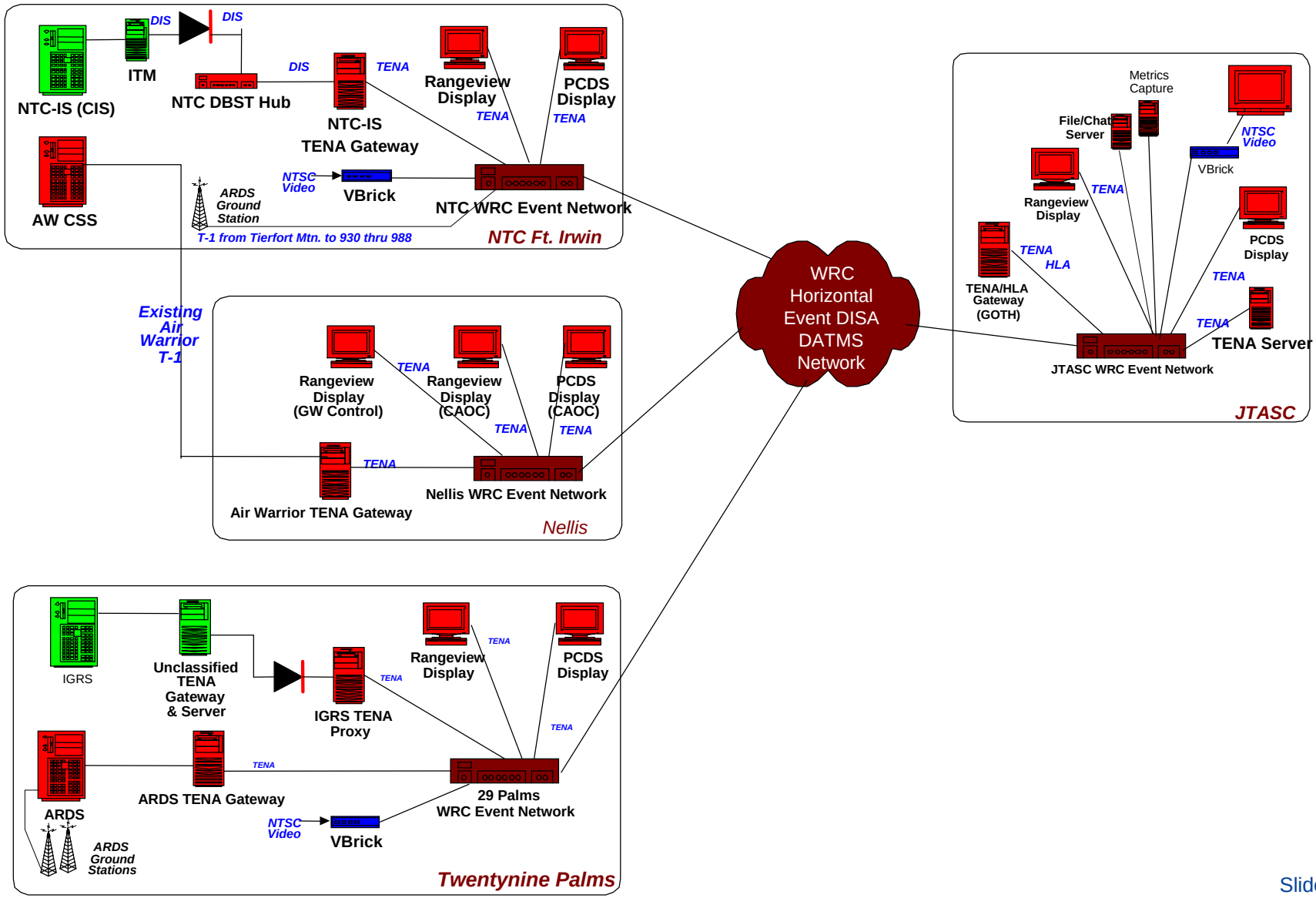
Gulfport CRTC

Casualty Assessment Workstation (A/G, G/G, A/A geo-pairing)

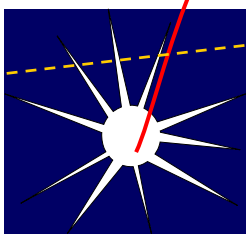
SA/AAR Display - PCDS - (TSPI)

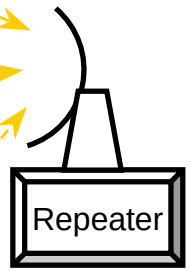
JECG Display -Rangeview – (Analysis (AMO, TSPI, JTIDS, Instrumentation)

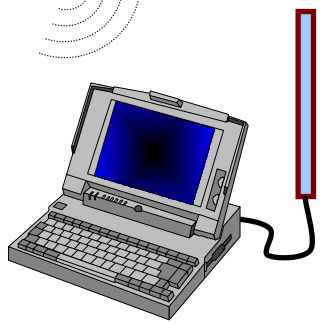
JNTC Horizontal Thrust Event Range Integration Solution



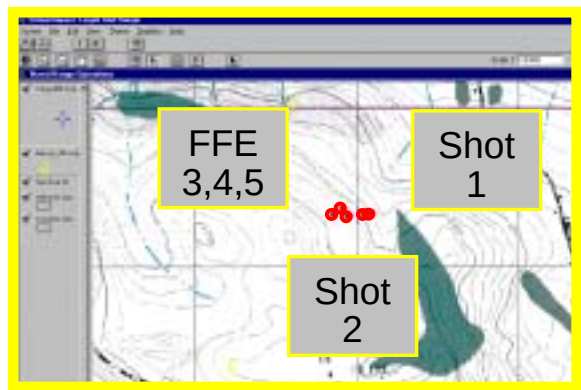
Gulf Range VAST / IMPASS







Shipboard Processing
Map Rendering
Virtual Target



Acoustic Processing
GPS
Communication Link

VAST / IMPASS
Network Connectivity

Eglin Central Control Facility

TENA on NIPRNET

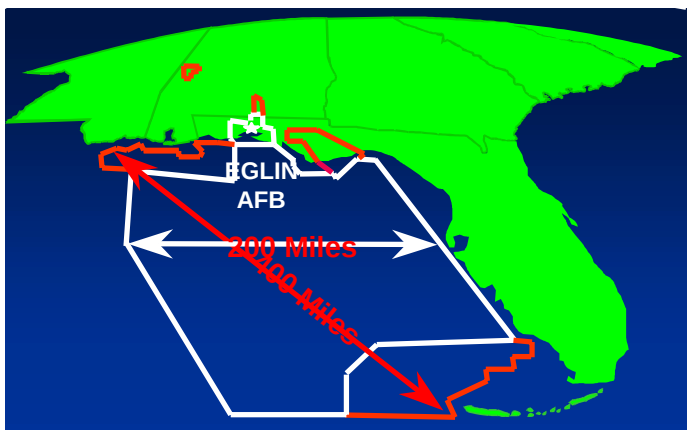
CDSA
Dam Neck, VA

TENA on Fiber

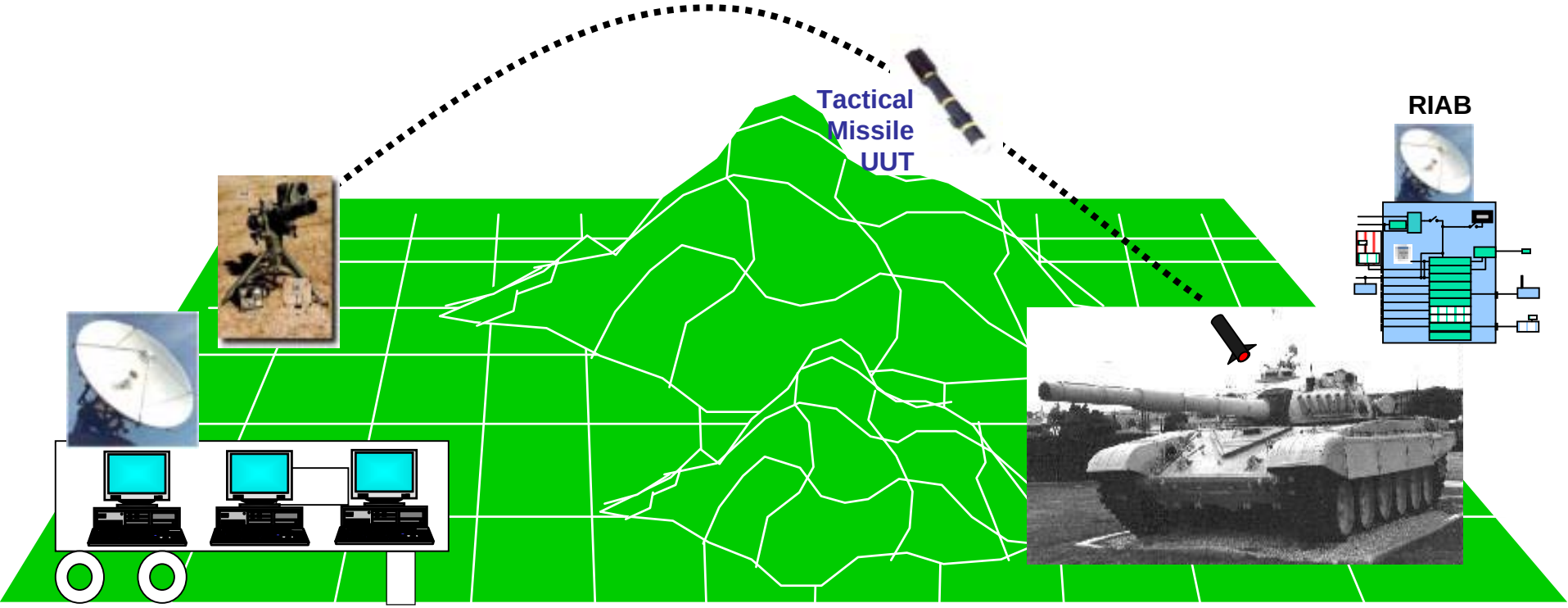
TENA on Microwave

Eglin Range Site A-15

CSS
Panama City, FL

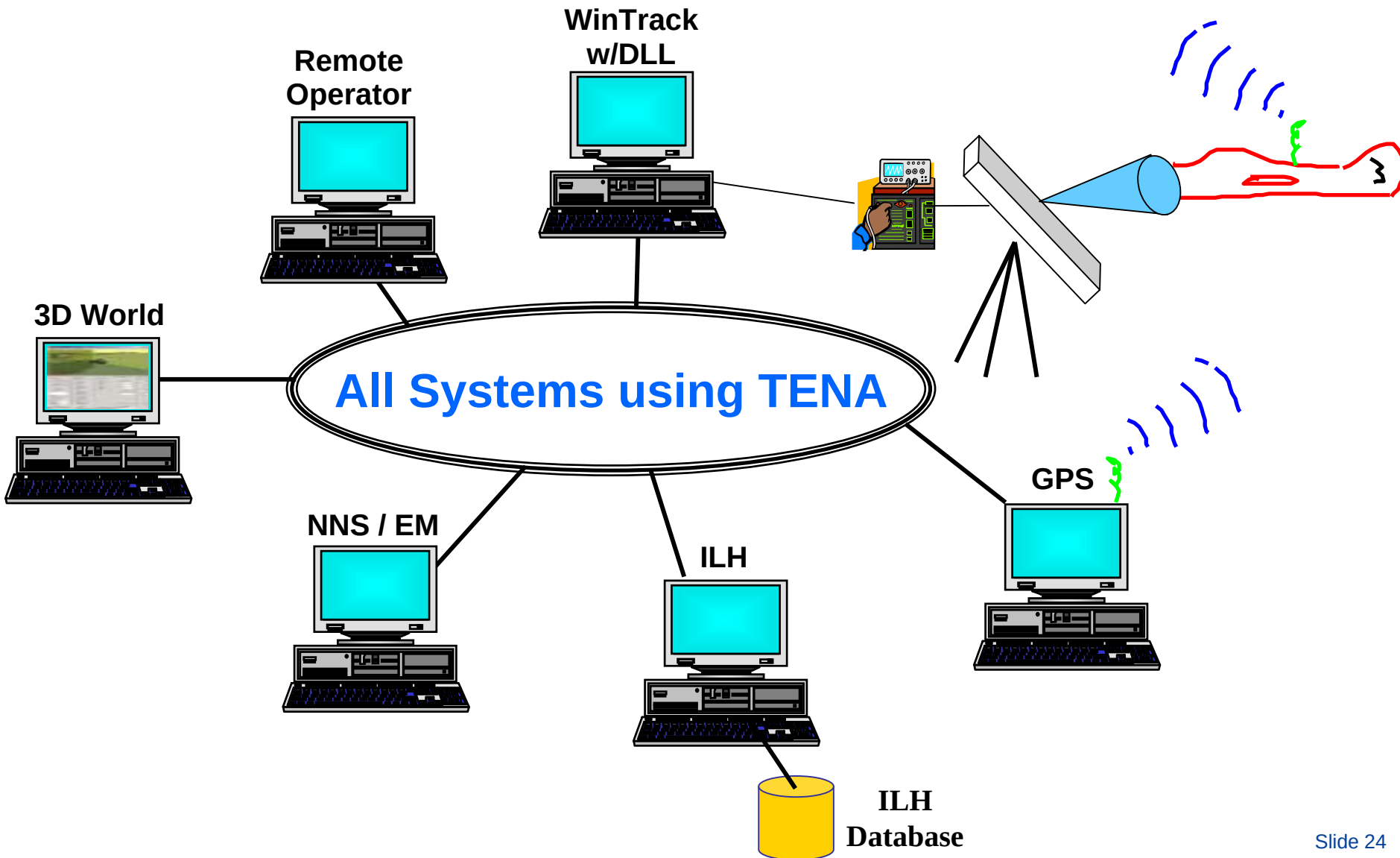


Redstone Technical Test Center Use of TENA



- MARDEC Support Active Protection System (APS)
  - FCS APS Candidate
- "Serial" Connection to RIAB
- TENA Control& Monitor
- Configuration Control in Range Software
- Data Logging via ILH Object

Weibel Radar Using TENA



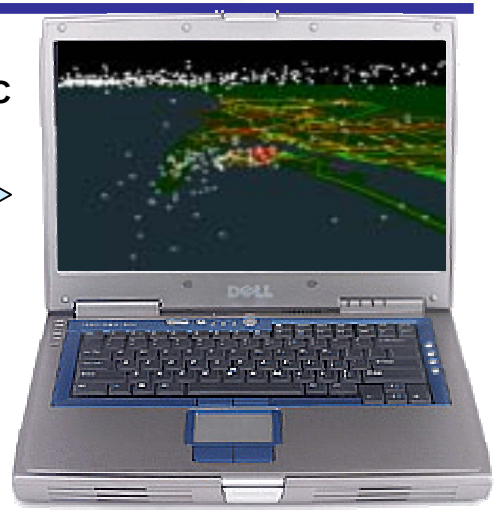
SIMDIS Use of TENA

SCORE TSPI Feed

Southern California

TENA

NRL Washington, DC



- Duration testing using SCORE TSPI data feed
  - Four consecutive days
    - Win XP, Red Hat 9, Solaris 5.8
    - Processed 180,000+ entities
  - Two consecutive days
    - Win XP, Red Hat 9
    - Processed 53,000+ entities
- Results and observations
  - No issues with discovery latency
  - No issues with update latency
  - No issues with CPU usage
  - No issues with memory usage

Threat Systems Test of TENA

- Testing and analysis by Scientific Research Corporation (SRC)
- Results and observations:
  - TENA Middleware appears stable and predictable
  - TENA Object Model format is sufficient for representation of threat systems
  - TENA provides satisfactory functionality and performance to be utilized within a threat simulation scenario and for fielding threat simulations

NetAcquire Using TENA
Real Time Embedded Instrumentation

- **Direct hardware interfaces not standard on COTS desktops**
  - Aerospace serial I/O formats (synchronous, telemetry, special protocols, etc.)
  - GPS (time and position)
  - Analog input / output
  - Digital and pulse input / output
  - IRIG timing
  - Avionics buses (1553, ARINC, 1394)
  - GPIB (IEEE-488) instrumentation
  - Inexpensive, ruggedized, mobile form-factor

- **Accomplishments:**
  - **Took NetAcquire only 11 days to port TENA into their products**
  - Direct synchronous serial hardware interface to FPS-16 radar system
  - Little or no programming required to support other radar data formats
- **NetAcquire runs a true real-time operating system, device drivers, and application software**
  - Provides TENA with deterministic and bounded response times

TENA Training Available

- **TENA Technical Overview Course (TOC)**
  - Designed for the non-programmer
  - Provides basic familiarization on TENA and Logical Ranges
  - Lecture format (full day, half day, and two-hour versions available)
- **TENA Technical Introduction Course (TIC)**
  - One day, lecture class for software programmers
  - Introduces design concepts to build TENA-compliant applications
  - 12 classes held to date
    - More than 250 software programmers trained to date
    - Classes held at White Sands, Point Mugu, RTTC, Eglin, Orlando, Alexandria, and London
- **TENA Middleware Hands-on Training (HOT)**
  - Four-day, computer class for software programmers
  - Provides several examples & exercises to learn the TENA Middleware API
  - 11 classes held to date
    - More than 220 software programmers trained to date
    - Classes held at White Sands, Point Mugu, RTTC, Eglin, Alexandria, China Lake, and Dugway (Salt Lake City)

Summary

TENA is an Architecture for Ranges, Facilities, and Simulations to Interoperate, to be Reused, to be Composed into greater capabilities

- TENA can be downloaded from the Web (for free)
  - TENA Middleware currently works on Windows, Linux, and Sun
- Users are involved in the process to develop and expand the architecture
  - CTTRA Workshops, AMT Meetings, and RCC Coordination
- TENA is the JNTC architecture for Live integration
- TENA is being used in a number of applications including vendor instrumentation systems

Important Contact Information

- **FI 2010 Project Website, links to Middleware, help desk:**
  http://www.fi2010.org
- **Get the TENA 2002 Document:**
  http://www.fi2010.org/documents/tena2002.pdf
- **FI 2010 Project Topics:**
  fipmo@jcs.mil
- **Questions, comments, feedback about the TENA architecture or the TENA Middleware:**
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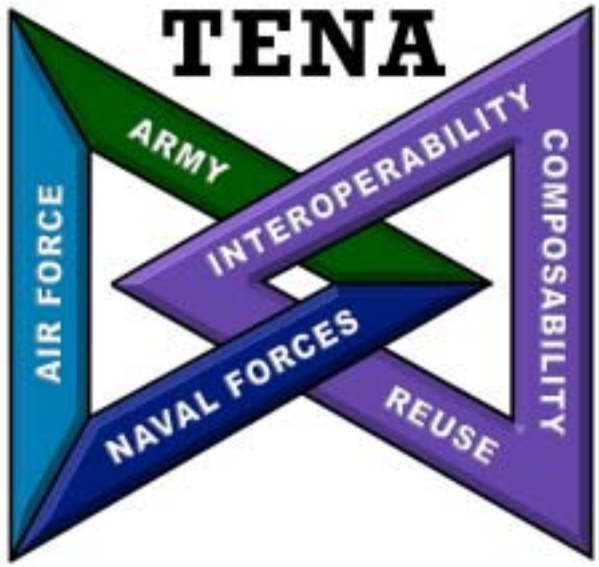
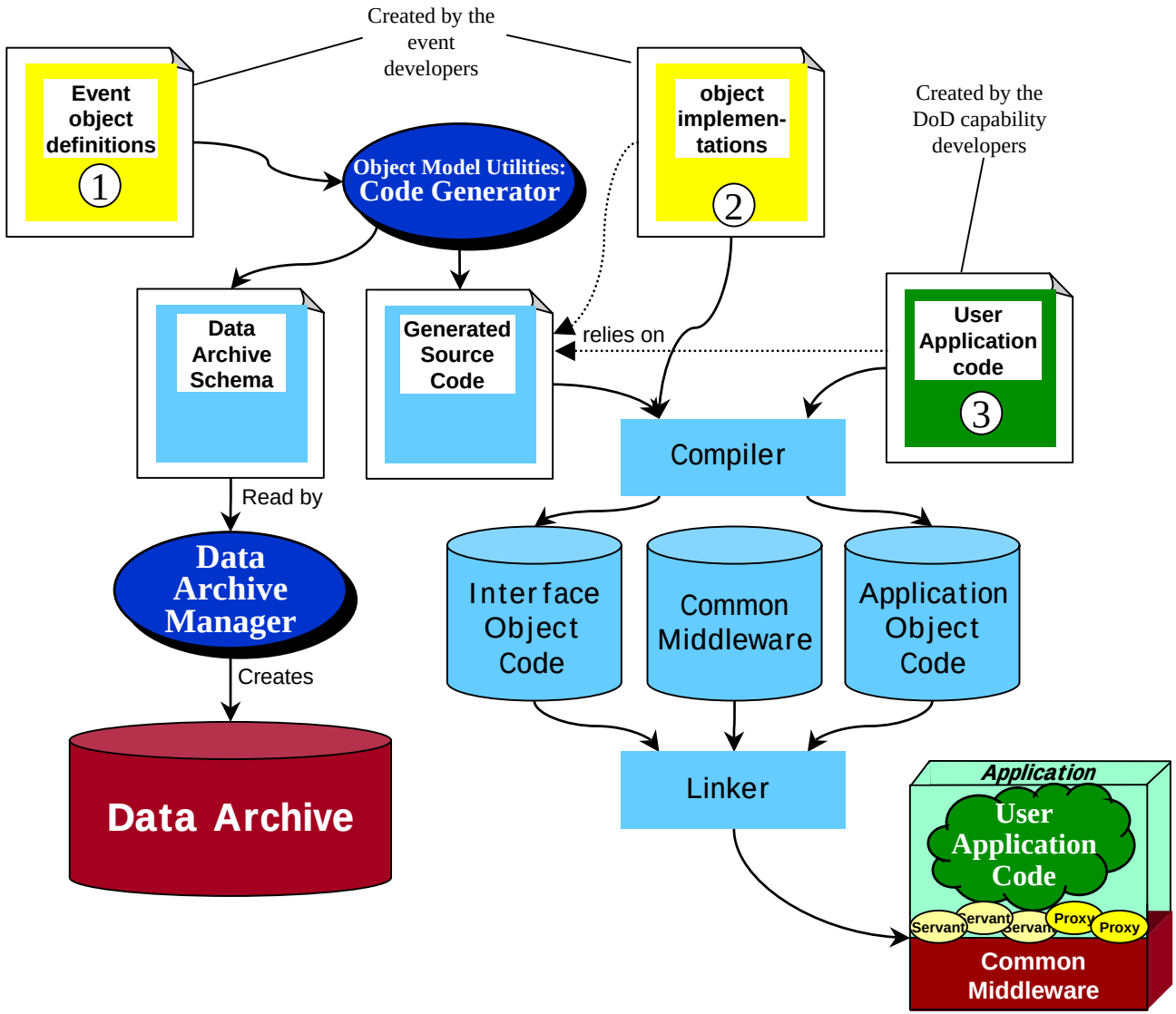


Additional Slides Available But Not Planned to be Presented

TENA Saves Time by Auto Code Generating Interfaces



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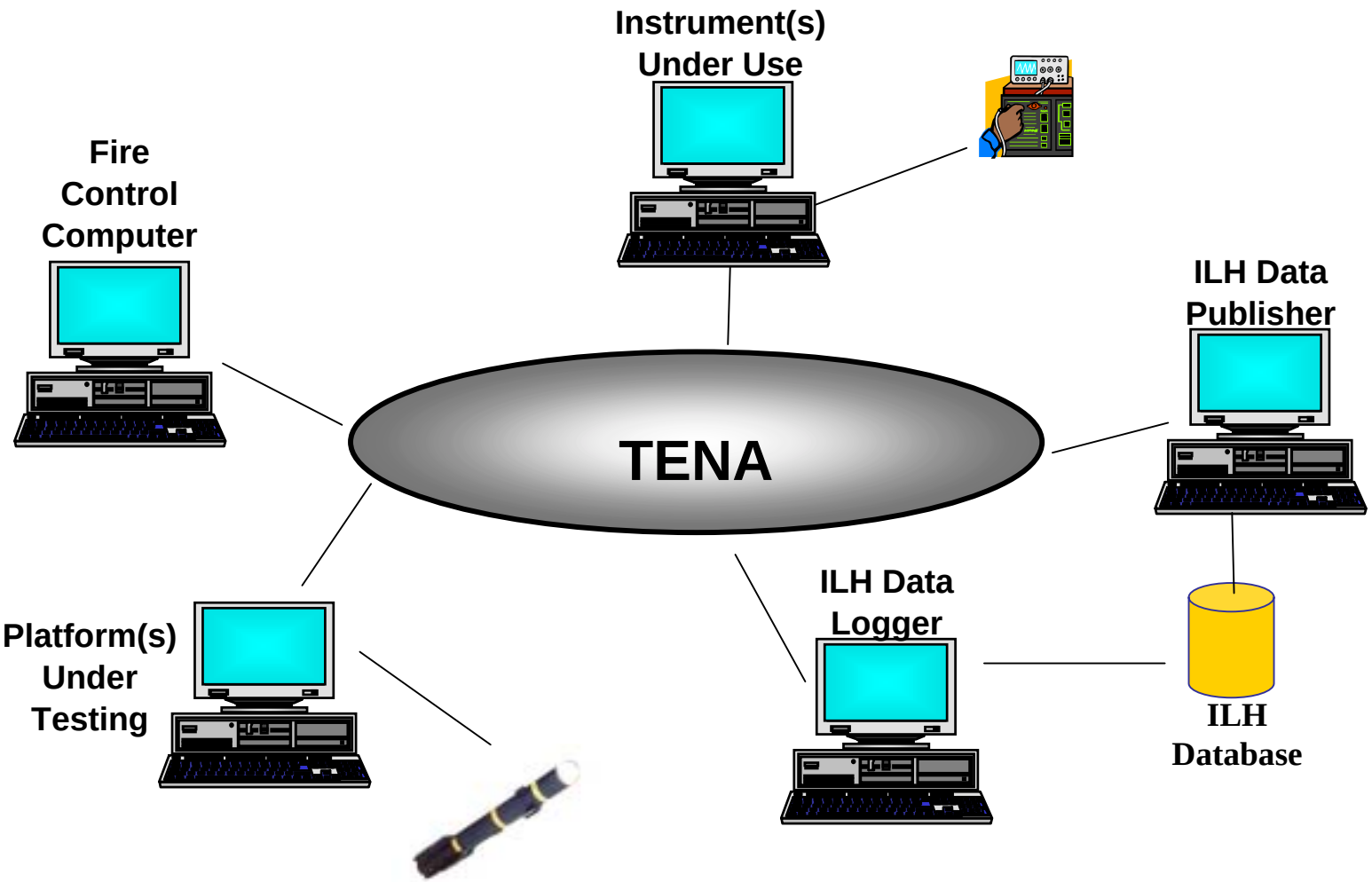

TENA Middleware Platform / Language Support

- **Release 4.0 Platform Support**
  - **Windows 2000 (sp4) with MSVC++ 7.0**
  - **Windows 2000 (sp4) with MSVC++ 7.1**
  - **Windows XP (sp1) with MSVC++ 7.0**
  - **Windows XP (sp1) with MSVC++ 7.1**
  - **Linux Red Hat 8.0 (2.4.18 kernel) with gcc 3.2**
  - **Linux Red Hat 9.0 (2.4.20 kernel) with gcc 3.2.2**
  - **Sun Solaris 8 (SPARC) with gcc 3.2.3**
  - **SGI IRIX 6.5 (22m) with gcc 3.3**
- **Release 4.0 Language Support**
  - **C++ support provided with current release**
  - **OCX (COM) wrapper developed by TENA User (RTTC)**
  - **Java wrapper methodology provided by TENA User (Eglin)**
- **Next Release**
  - **Support for VxWorks**

Summary of Key TENA Functionality Beyond HLA

Standard Object Model

TENA provides for the managed evolution of a standardized Object Model (interfaces, data formats, data definitions, control commands, etc.)

Significance: ***Range-community-wide agreed upon data formats, definitions, etc. promotes interoperability to a greater degree than the HLA specification***

High Performance and Reliability

TENA Objects are "compiled-in" when the application is made TENA-compliant

Significance: ***Higher performance, plus higher reliability since any errors in data formats will be discovered during software compiling (pre-mission) rather than during the test mission (at run-time)***

Manages Persistent Data

TENA provides for the management and standardization of database information throughout the range event lifecycle, including scenario information and data collected during an exercise

Significance: ***Interoperability is achieved before, during, and after a range event, leading to easier setup, initialization, and analysis, saving both time and money***

Support for Data Streams

TENA supports real-time delivery and storage of data stream information (audio, video, and telemetry)

Significance: ***A substantial amount of test information is streaming data. Fully integrating data streams into TENA provides high-performance management of this type of information in a standard, reusable, interoperable fashion***

Support for More Complex, Meaningful, User-Defined Object Models

TENA allows for objects to be composed of other objects (objects can contain other objects)

Significance: ***Small "building block" objects (Time, Position, Orientation, etc.) can be standardized and reused to efficiently define other more complex objects, yielding more interoperability quickly at less cost than with the HLA***

TENA Middleware marshals/demarshals data, rather than relying on individual applications to do so

Significance: ***Middleware marshaling makes it easier to integrate different computer platforms (Windows, Linux, Sun, etc.) in a distributed test event and avoid integration errors due to inconsistent user-written software***

TENA supports remotely invoking "methods" (control commands, operations, processes) of another application

Significance: ***Software interfaces can be designed more naturally and effectively for distributed test events***